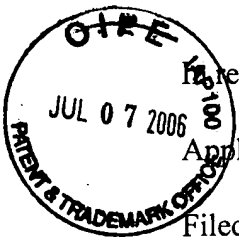


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Re the Application of: **Katsumi KIMURA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3681**

Application No.: **10/505,218**

Examiner: **Ha Dinh Ho**

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For: **DIFFERENTIAL PLANETARY GEAR APPARATUS AND
STARTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIAL
PLANETARY GEAR APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket Number: **042688**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 7, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 16, 2006.

In the Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

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| Group I | Claims 1-5, drawn to a differential planetary gear apparatus; |
| Group II | Claims 6-10, drawn to a starting apparatus; or |
| Group III | Claim 11, draw to a starting method for a differential planetary gear apparatus. |

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-5. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

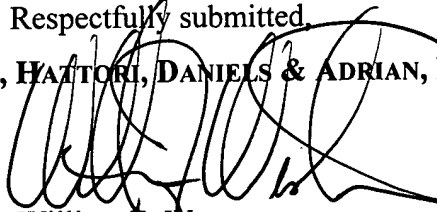
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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